

Remarks/Arguments

Rejections Under 35 USC 102 or 103

The claims are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as anticipated by the Morisawa, U.S. Patent #5,931,948.

In the present application, unauthorized access to a computer is detected by displaying “utilization information” to an authorized user to permit that user to evaluate previous accesses made to the computer. Such utilization information includes the number of power on and resume times and the last date and times of such power on and resume times. This utilization information is stored in the writeable read only storage area used for storing passwords. Each time it is accessed, the computer increments a value in that storage area indicating the number of power-on and/or resume times that have occurred to the computer. When the authorized accesses the computer, the computer displays the utilization information on an the authorized user’s display so the user can determine if any illicit computer access has occurred since his/her last access.

Applicant’s attorney did not find anything in the Morisawa patent which showed the use of the password writeable read only storage area for storage of utilization information to display to the authorized user. The Examiner relies on Figures 8A and 8B, lines 37 to 52 of column 21 and lines 43 to 59 of column 23 of Morisawa. These figures and specification portions of Morisawa deal with password prompts, password entry and checking not with displaying utilization information described in the specification and recited in the claims to allow an authorized user to determine whether there has been unauthorized use of the user’s computer.

All the claims in the application distinguish from the Morisawa reference for the reasons given above. All independent claims call for storing current utilization information in the electrically writeable read only memory used for storing passwords and informing a user of the current utilization information. To emphasize that utilization information does not include passwords and password prompts, each of the independent claims has been modified to distinguish utilization information from passwords and password prompts.

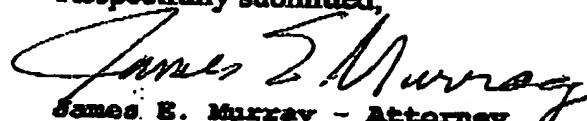
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Dependent claims 2, 5, 9, 11 and 17 recite various types of the current utilization information recited in the independent claims as being stored with the password and provided to the user. Applicant's attorney did not find in Morisawa such information being so stored and provided to the authorized user. Dependent claims 19, 20 and 21 recite the specific controls used by both for storing and accessing passwords and for controlling the utilization information.

A number of claims have been cancelled to limit duplication of coverage.

For the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all claims are allowable, and therefore it is requested that the application be reconsidered, allowed and passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,


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